MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): May I point out that the answers to question No. 182, parts (*a*) and (*c*), do not contain an answer to my question No. 184 part (2). I want the total loss sustained by the Government on account of the loss of salt. It is the licensee's loss that is mentioned there.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer to question 182 refers to the total quantity of salt destroyed during the rains of Tulam 1101. That answer contains the licensees' as well as the Government's share of loss. Until Government take delivery of the salt, there is no difference, so to say, between the licensees' salt and the Government salt.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): For every maund, a portion goes to the Government and another to the licensee.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is only after the Government take delivery of the salt.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): I want the total loss, in money, that Government have sustained.

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government have not lost anything since they have not taken delivery of any quantity of salt.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): I do not know whether I am out of order. What I wanted to know was whether, when a certain amount of salt has been destroyed, Government would not have lost something?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag Secretary to Government*): Might have been is a different thing from what is.

Preventive measures against the loss of Salt in Floods.

185 **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps were taken by them to prevent the loss of large quantities of salt after their experience of the floods of 1098, and what steps they now propose to take to prevent such loss in future?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): After the floods of Vrischikam 1098, Government had a joint inspection of the locality conducted by the Excise Commissioner and the Chief Engineer. The report was under consideration when the floods of Tulam last occurred. The question of specially deputing an expert engineer to suggest suitable remedies is engaging the attention of the Government.

Excise Commissioner's Report on the floods in Tamaracolam Salt Factory.

186. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam cum Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the report of the Excise Commissioner on the floods in the Tamaracolam Salt Factory sent by him after the floods of Vrischikam 1098 and Tulam 1101

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